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ELONGATED BODY AND AN ARRANGEMENT FOR A

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

Entry of the amendment shown on the attached Replacement Sheets prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Please cancel claims 1-15 and add new claims 16-33.

## **REMARKS**

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated August 31, 2001 received in the parent case.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 13-15 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,487,518 to Hopfeld. The Examiner states that Hopfeld teaches a method of producing a bending-resistant, elongated body comprising all of the elements of these claims.